GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WASTAGE OF RIVERS WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large quantity of rivers water flow as a waste into sea;

(b) whether the Government contemplate to formulate any scheme to stop and save water for domestic use after suitable treatment;

(c) whether the Government also propose constitute a Task Force for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Out of 4000 BCM of annual rainfall including snowin the country, 1869 BCM appears as average annual run offin the various rivers of the country. Out of this, only 690 BCM surface water can be economically utilised by the conventional methods of water conservation. In addition, 432 BCMreplenishable ground water is available for utilization. Suitable guidelines have been issued on making provision of drinking water in the projects. Government of India is also promoting Rainwater Harvesting through Watershed Management Programme, Artificial Recharge of Ground Water and Roop-top Rainwater Harvesting for which technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and other implementing agencies.

(c) & (d) Government had set up the National Commission for IntegratedWater Resources Development in September, 1996. The Commission has submitted its report in December, 1999. An Implementation Cell and an Advisory Committee has been set up for considering the implementation of the recommendation of the Commission.